## Heather Dale, Exile

You're begging on your knees without dirtying your hem You want someone to love, but not someone I can The wilderness calls me again A trusted friend in my exile I'm free in my exile, I'm free

The stringless thorns replace the fishhooks in my flesh You try to draw me in but still deny the net You're clinging to what I have left While I forget in my exile I'm free in my exile, I'm free to forget

I brand these rags and tatters on my feet Here are tests I know that I can beat

You say that I am weak and kiss the tears away You offer what I need for more than I can pay My choice is who I should betray Or to stay in my exile I'm free in my exile, I'm free to stay I'm free in my exile I'm free in my exile, I'm free I'm free again